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TO THE HONORABLE DISTRICT JUDGE
BARBARA S. JONES,

MY NAME IS EMMANUEL TEPEŞ AND I AM AN
ACQUAINTANCE OF COSMIN MERCA. I HAVE KNOWN COSMIN
FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS NOW; HOWEVER, BOTH HIS
FAMILY AND MY OWN PARENTS SHARE A LONGER-TERM
RELATIONSHIP EVEN BEFORE IMMIGRATING TO THE UNITED STATES.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH COSMIN BEGAN MOSTLY FROM THE
CHURCH WE BOTH ATTENDED; ELIM ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. WE BOTH PLAYED BRASS INSTRUMENTS
IN THE CHURCH BAND. COSMIN WAS THE PERSON THAT CAME
ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO BAND PRACTICE AND CHURCH SERVICES.
I WAS INSPIRED BY HIS POSITIVE AND CHEERFUL PERSONALITY
WHICH HE PROTRAYED WITH THE CONSTANT SMILE ON HIS FACE.

I KNOW, FROM MY PARENTS, THAT THE MERCA FAMILY
IS A HARD WORKING AND RESPECTABLE FAMILY. FROM THE
TIME LIVING IN ROMANIA, COSMIN'S GRANDPARENTS
DEVELOPED A GOOD REPUTATION OF BEING GOOD PEOPLE,
BEING FAITHFUL TO THEIR CHURCH AND TO THEIR COMMUNITY,
AND RAISING THEIR CHILDREN WITH GOOD MORELS.

I WAS SAD TO FIND OUT ABOUT COSMIN, AND WHAT
BROUGHT HIM WHERE HE IS NOW. I SEE FROM THE LETTERS
THAT WE HAVE BEEN WRITING BACK AND FORTH, THAT

COSMIN IS VERY SORROWFUL FOR THE POOR CHOICE(S) HE MADE. HE ADMITS THAT HE WAS MISLEAD BY THE GLAMOUR OF LIFE,. AND HE DESIRES TO BE A GODLY AND LAW ABIDING CITIZEN.

YOUR HONOUR, IF I MAY BE SO BOLD TO ASK FOR MERCY AND KINDNESS IN THE FINAL DECISION, OF COSMIN'S CASE. PLEASE, GIVE COSMIN A CHANCE TO SHOW HIS CHANCE OF HEART. FOR THE SAKE OF HIS YOUNG FAMILY; HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN WITH THE YOUNGEST BEING A FEW MONTHS OLD.

I BELIEVE THAT COSMIN WILL PROVE TO BE THE UPSTANDING CITIZEN HE TRULY IS, BY SHOWING HIS CHANGE OF ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS BY FOLLOWING THOROUGHLY AS YOUR HONOUR DECIDES.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY LETTER.
MAY GOD TRULY BLESS YOU!

SINCERELY,

EMANUEL TEPEŞ
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